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CIA and FBI Accused of Withholding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Senate intelligence committee said Wednesday the CIA and FBI failed to provide the Warren Commission with evidence that "might have substantially affected the course of the investigation" into whether there was a conspiracy to kill John F. Kennedy.

The committee stressed that "it has not uncovered any evidence sufficient to justify a conclusion that there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."

But the committee said the fact that the CIA and FBI did not pursue the possibility of a conspiracy behind the assassination "impeaches the process" which led the Warren Commission to conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

The committee outlined these leads which it said were never adequately investigated:

—The possibility that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro ordered Kennedy's assassination in retaliation for a CIA plot against his life that was in progress at the time of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas, Tex.;

—A report that on the evening of the day Kennedy was killed a Cubana Airlines flight from Mexico City to Cuba was delayed five hours awaiting the arrival of an unidentified passenger who boarded the plane without passing through customs;

—The "strange travel" of "a Cuban-American" who an FBI informant said was involved in the Kennedy assassination and

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who may have been in indirect contact with Oswald.

Senator Richard Schweiker, who headed the committee's in- and FBI of a cover-up and said "there is no longer any reason to have faith in (the Warren Commission's) picture of the Kennedy assassination."

But committee chairman Frank Church said he is not yet prepared to call for a full-scale reopening of the assassination investigation.

Noting the controversy which has surrounded the Kennedy assassination for more than 12 years, the committee said "regrettably, this report will not put the matter to rest." The committee recommended that the investigation be continued by the new, permanent Senate intelligence committee. The assassination report was the last work of a temporary, special intelligence committee which now has gone out of existence.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover "perceived the Warren Commission as an adversary" which might criticize the bureau's monitoring of Oswald's activities before the assassination and its investigation of the killing itself, the report said.